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REMINDERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Latchkey: *Starting on January 4*, after we return from Christmas break, morning latchkey times will be changed. Morning latchkey will start at 6:30 instead of 6:15. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions, please speak with Mr. Springer.

Band Notes: The St. Paul's Band will be playing Preservice Music on Wednesday night December 20th from 6:15 - 6:25 in the church balcony. Band Members should meet in the church basement for tuning and warm-up at 6:00pm.

NO BUSSING for St. Paul's students **NEXT Friday, December 22nd** when we dismiss at NOON. An email had gone out last week and the unanimous response to all who responded was that nobody was really in need of bussing services that day. Please make sure to note this on your calendars so as not to forget. Thanks!

Christmas Luminaries: Please consider helping us beautify our Christmas Eve Service with a luminary in memory or to honor a loved one. The luminaries will line the school sidewalk (weather permitting) at our Christmas Eve service on December 24th. Please fill out the luminary form, enclose \$3 per luminary, and place in either the box in the back of church or *return to the school office between December 1st and December 15th*. You've got a week left to turn in your order! Checks can be made payable to **St. Paul's PTO**. Let's light up our entrance in honor or memory of someone special. *Extra forms are available in school office.*

Chamber Gift Certificates for Faculty/Staff: Parents - please look for a green 'letter' that should have come home with your children last week. As in years past, this is an opportunity to keep gift giving well within your budget but still give 'something'. The total amount collected for each member of the faculty/staff will be used to purchase Chamber gift certificates that can be used at the merchant of their choosing! Any questions, please stop in and speak with Mrs. Krogmann! All sheets/donations should be returned to the office by **Monday, December 18th** ~ we've extended the due date one more week as the sheets/donations are still coming in. THANKS!



Help Needed: We are looking for help with Christmas Eve set up/decorating in the gym! Come and join us set up for the Christmas Eve service on one or more of these days next week :

- Wednesday 12/20 - 3 pm - 5:00 pm
- Thursday 12/21 - 6 pm - 8 pm
- Friday - 7:45am until the kids come in to practice for the Christmas Eve program

Any amount of time you can help out will be greatly appreciated. It makes the job so much easier (and more fun!) with extra hands to help. Any questions? Please reach out & ask our decorating coordinators, Jen Fredrich or Gwen Mertz. THANK YOU!

Yearbook Order Forms: Order forms were sent home today. Anyone wishing to order a yearbook, should fill out the form and return it (WITH payment) to the school office on or before January 8, 2018. Extra forms available in the school office.



IMPORTANT NOTES FROM OUR CLASSROOMS!

From Grades 1/2 ~ Mrs. Kionka: We have been doing a lot of preparing in our classroom. We've prepared Christmas decorations, Christmas cards for our shut-in friends from church, songs and Luke 2 for the Christmas Eve Service. What a wonderful gift to prepare for, the birth of our Savior. God bless you this Christmas time as you prepare too.

From Grades 3/4 ~ Miss Donaldson: Just a couple reminders. The children's secret Santa Christmas presents need to be at school by Thursday. The children are also allowed to bring their pajamas to change into after the Christmas service practice on Friday for our Christmas pajama party. Enjoy this last week before Christmas break.

From Grades 7/8 ~ Mr. Lindemann: Just a brief reminder that 7/8 grades will be caroling at Marquardt on Wednesday morning. We will leave around 9:30 and return by noon.

****THANK YOU** to everyone that gave to the fundraising efforts at the Lebanon Lutheran games ~ with our combined efforts we were able to raise over \$600 for the Joel Kamrath family. What a tremendous outpouring of our friendship & support for the family!



SCHOOL 'WISH LIST' ITEMS

- easel with bins for Kindergarten room (see Mrs. Springer or Mrs. Krogmann)
 - bean bag chairs for Kindergarten room (2 - 3 of them)
- 'Sing & Make Music - Level 4: Complete Set' for grades 5 - 8 music class (approx. cost \$325.00)
(*any questions re: this teaching tool, please speak with Mrs. Springer)

DON'T FORGET! Lakeside Lutheran 'Passports' are available! LLHS has provided us with a stack of stampable 'Passports' to be made available to all St. Paul's students interested in having one. This 'passport' is the student's admission to ALL Lakeside regular season home events for the 2017-2018 and for opportunities to win prizes that are given out and different drawings that they can be entered into depending on how often they attend. Basketball games is underway ~ be sure to stop by the office and pick up your pass to get in!

Audio Equipment Operators: Mr. Leon Jaeger has confirmed that Mr. Brian Genz has volunteered to learn how to setup, tear down and properly store the new sound system and its components. With the many events in place to use this equipment we need at least 2 more people to volunteer. Please contact Mr. Jaeger directly at [920-261-7811](tel:920-261-7811).

KEEP COLLECTING THOSE BOX TOPS, CAMPBELL'S LABELS and MILK CAPS ~ We're rapidly approaching the deadline for the first submission for some of these items for the current school year. If you have a collection in your kitchen, please consider sending it in **NO LATER than 12/22/2017** so we can get them tallied and sent in by the 1/2/2018

submission deadline. This will be the last time to submit our labels as the program is being discontinued. THANK YOU for your support of the simple fundraising program!

LOST 'n FOUND COLLECTION: Please continue to stop by and check out the lost 'n found table at school on a regular basis. There are often (especially as the winter arrives) several items that seem to get left behind. We would like to return them all to their rightful owners before the collection grows out of control!

SCRIP is available through St. Paul's Lutheran Church. If you are interested in ordering Scrip, please look for Sarah Kopas on Sunday mornings between services at church. If you didn't have a chance to complete your order at church on Sunday, you may turn in to the school office as well; Mrs. Krogmann will make arrangements to get the order/payment to Sarah to fill the order. Extra order forms are available at church AND the school hallway. Any questions re: the Scrip program or how it works, please contact Sarah at (920) 261-4281. Check it out ~ it's a great way to help generate funds for our church by doing things that you already do: grocery shop, gas for your car, etc. . .



Looking for something fun to do with your family this weekend? Check out a local 'Holiday Trains and Tractor Display' on Saturday, December 16th and Sunday, December 17th from 11:00am to 7:00pm. It is on display at the home of Harvey & Jean Ziemer, W7018 Provimi Road, Watertown. Their home and pole barns are handicap accessible including a lift car. This event is FREE! The do, however, accept goodwill offerings that will be donated to local charities should you choose to do so.

ALL WELS Skate Event ~ Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Roller Skating opportunity on Tuesday evening, January 2nd from 5:30 - 8:00pm at Skate Express in Watertown. This is a great opportunity to get some exercise, have some fun and share in some fellowship with other local WELS members. Cost is a \$5 admission which includes regular skates. ***There is an extra fee for the in-line type roller blades.* Grab your kids and a carload of their friends and join in the fun that night!



UPCOMING ADVENT, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday ADVENT Worship Service
December 20th at 6:30pm

(Advent supper/meal served before service from 5:00 – 6:00pm)

CHRISTMAS EVE Worship Services

Sunday, December 24th at 7:45 & 10:15am

Children's Christmas Eve Service (in school gym) at 4:00pm

Christmas Eve Vespers at 8:00pm (church)

CHRISTMAS DAY Worship Service

Monday, December 25th at 9:00am

NEW YEAR'S EVE Worship Services

Sunday, December 31st at 7:45 & 10:15am
New Year's Eve at 6:30pm (church)

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December 17, 2017 - December 23, 2017

Weekly Planner

<p><i>Sunday</i> 12/17</p>	
<p><i>Monday</i> 12/18</p>	<p><i>*clans December activity 2:15 - 2:50</i></p> <p>Girls Ateam pract 3-4:30 pm; Boys Bteam pract 4:30-6pm</p>
<p><i>Tuesday</i> 12/19</p>	<p>Boys Ateam pract 3-4:40pm; Girls Bteam pract 4:30-6pm</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> 12/20</p>	<p>Advent Worship Service @ 6:30pm (SPLS Band plays)</p>
<p><i>Thursday</i> 12/21</p>	<p><i>*band</i></p>
<p><i>Friday</i> 12/22</p>	<p>1/2 day of school ~ dismiss @ NOON</p> <p>Final Christmas Eve service rehearsal @ 8:30am (parents/grandparents welcome to attend!)</p>
<p><i>Saturday</i> 12/23</p>	